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Report Highlights:

In December, the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republika Srpska Ministries of Agriculture decreased winter wheat area by 5%, from 93,000 hectares to 88,000 ha. The average yield remains low at around 2.7 tons/ha. The Agricultural Ministries increased winter barley area to 23,000 ha (from 15,000 ha last season). Spring barley area is still undetermined but has been around 10,000 ha in the past. The average yield is around 2.5 tons/ha.

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Wheat

In December, the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republika Srpska Ministries of Agriculture decreased the winter wheat area by 5%, from 93,000 hectares to 88,000 ha. The weather conditions have been quite good for Bosnian winter grains to date. However, the average yield remains low at around 2.7 tons/ha.

The cut-off date for winter grain planting was October 25 (optimum October 10 - 25, and for hilly areas 5-10 days earlier). Planting in lower plain areas theoretically could have been done until mid-November, but late planting usually lowers yields. The winter grains became fully dormant by mid-December.

Barley

The Agricultural Ministries increased the winter barley area to 23,000 ha (from 15,000 ha last season). Spring barley area is still undetermined but has been around 10,000 ha in the past. The average yield is around 2.5 t/ha.

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